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For: PROLONGED-RELEASE COMPOSITIONS  
COMPRISING TORASEMIDE AND A  
MATRIX-FORMING POLYMER

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Remarks** begin on page 2.

**Attachment:** Executed Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.132